

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 3, 2008

H.R. 5909

Catching Operational Vulnerabilities by Ensuring Random Testing Act of 2008

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on May 20, 2008

H.R. 5909 would specify certain procedures for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to follow when conducting covert tests of transportation systems and require the agency to report on the effect that those procedures have on the agency's efforts to improve transportation security.

Based on information from TSA, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5909 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. According to TSA, enacting H.R. 5909 would not significantly affect the agency's costs to conduct covert tests, and CBO estimates that the cost of meeting the bill's reporting requirements would be negligible. Any such costs would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. H.R. 5909 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 5909 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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